

### REMARKS

Claims 10-27 and 32 are pending in the present application. By this amendment, claim 32 is amended and new claims 33-54 are added. After entry of the present amendment, claims 10-27 and 32-54 will be pending, of which 11 are independent (claims 10, 32, 44- 46, 48, and 50-54).

In accordance with Applicant's duty under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicant would like to draw the Examiner's attention to Applicant's copending patent application No. 10/071,561 for "Edge Treatments for Coated Substrates", filed February 8, 2002, assigned to Examiner Brian E. Glessner of Group Art Unit 3635. The present application and application No. 10/071,561 both claim priority to provisional patent application Nos. 60/267,923, filed February 8, 2001, 60/267,507 filed February 8, 2001 and 60/274,363 filed March 8, 2001. All of the prior art of which Applicant is aware for both of these applications have been compiled and made of record fully in both cases.

The Examiner objected to the disclosure because of a minor informality at page 13, line 8. The specification has been amended to correct this typographical informality.

The Examiner also objected to claim 32 because of a minor informality but indicated that claim 32 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome this objection. Claim 32 has been amended to correct minor informalities and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected claims 10-13, 20, 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by Rhodes (USPN 4,630,407). The Examiner also indicated that claims 14-19, 21 and 24-27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant hereby submits new independent claim 44 (which includes all the features of dependant claim 14), new independent claim 45 (which includes all the features of dependant claim 15), new independent claim 46 (which includes all

the features of dependant claim 16), new independent claim 48 (which includes all the features of dependant claim 18), new independent claim 50 (which includes all the features of dependant claim 21), new independent claim 51 (which includes all the features of dependant claim 24), new independent claim 52 (which includes all the features of dependant claim 25), new independent claim 53 (which includes all the features of dependant claim 26), and new independent claim 54 (which includes all the features of dependant claim 27). Applicant also respectfully requests reconsideration of Examiner's rejection of claims 10-13, 20, 22 and 23.

The Examiner states that Rhodes discloses "an apparatus for removing coatings from portions of first and second surfaces of a substrate 84, the portion comprising a width and a depth to be removed". Applicant submits that the apparatus in Rhodes does not remove portions of any coating. As can be seen in Figures 1 and 3 of Rhodes, the entire door 84 is placed between brushes 34. As a result, the Rhodes apparatus treats the entire coating on each surface of the door 84 rather than removing a portion of the coating on either surface. Moreover, Rhodes expressly teaches against replacing its brushes with grinding wheels (Col. 7, lines 40-41).

The Examiner also states that the Rhodes apparatus comprises "a support surface 56 configured for slidable receipt of a substrate 84, the support surface 56 including a mounting portion, a first grinding apparatus 34 mounted at the mounting portion of the support surface 56, opposite the first grinding apparatus 34". Applicant submits that the channel members 56 of Rhodes do not function as a support surface configured for *slidable* receipt of a substrate. Rhodes teaches a conveyor 18 that has two channels 56 disposed to receive a continuous chain-link belt 58 (Col. 6, lines 27-29). A door is placed upon the chain belt 58 and moved through the apparatus (Col. 8, line 6). Thus, the channels 56 do not function as a support surface configured for *slidable* receipt of a substrate.

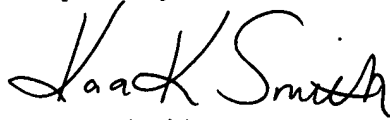
Applicant also considers that Rhodes does not disclose a support surface that is configured for slidable receipt of a substrate and has a mounting portion on which a grinding apparatus is mounted, as required in original claim 10. In fact, Rhodes does not disclose any surface that is configured for slidable receipt of a substrate and also has a mounting portion on which grinding apparatuses are mounted. Rhodes teaches that each brush 34 of the apparatus is journal mounted between support arms 26 for free rotation (Col. 4, lines 22-23). The brushes are rigidly positioned with a tensioner alignment mechanism connected between the support arms 26 and longitudinal support members 48 extending between uprights 14 above and below sleeves 14 (Col. 4, lines 31-35). Thus, Rhodes does not teach nor suggest a surface that is configured for slidable receipt of a substrate and has a mounting portion at which first and second grinding apparatuses are mounted.

The Examiner has indicated claims 14-19, 21 and 24-27 would be allowable in rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As noted above, Applicant has added new independent claims 44- 46, 48, and 50-54, which incorporate the features of these dependant claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indication of allowable subject matter. However, Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are distinguishable from Rhodes and are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 10-27 and 32-54 of the application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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